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**BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

OFFICE OF GENERAL  
COUNSEL

**DONALD MARK GARRINGER**

**Plainfield, Indiana 46168  
Complainant**

**And**

**STEVEN BUYER and STEPHANIE MATTIX  
200 North Main Street  
Monticello, IN 47960  
Respondents**

MUR #

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**VERIFIED COMPLAINT**

**Comes now the Complainant DONALD MARK GARRINGER ("Garringer") to  
state under the penalties of perjury:**

- 1. Garringer is a resident of the State of Indiana, and resident in Indiana's Fourth Congressional District.**
- 2. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint, Respondent STEVEN BUYER ("Buyer") is the Congressman of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District.**
- 3. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint, Buyer is the Leadership PAC Sponsor of the Storm Chasers PAC. Respondent Stephanie Mattix ("Mattix") is the Treasurer of the Storm Chasers PAC ("Storm Chasers").**

**See, FEC forms on Storm Chasers at :**

**<http://herndon1.sdrdc.com/cgi-bin/fecimg/TC00380477>**

4. The PAC address of Storm Chasers is listed on the Web in a number of places as: Storm Chasers PAC Stephanie Mattix, 200 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960, telephone (574) 583-9843. This is the campaign headquarters of Buyer as Congressman of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District.

5. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint, in 2003, Buyer created the Frontier Foundation in 2003 for the stated purpose of handing out scholarships to needy graduating high school students of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District once the fund reached \$100,000. The Frontier Foundation has raised more than \$880,000 — primarily from companies and trade organizations with an interest in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which Buyer serves.

See, The Indianapolis Star, January 25, 2010, reported at:

<http://www.indystar.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2010100125021>, which is attached to this Complaint;

You can find the IRS PDFs on the Frontier Foundation at

<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/showVals.php?ft=bmf&cin=134254757>;

The Frontier Foundation forms filed with the State of Indiana are at:

[https://secure.in.gov/sos/bus\\_service/online\\_corps/corp\\_orders/select\\_order\\_type.aspx](https://secure.in.gov/sos/bus_service/online_corps/corp_orders/select_order_type.aspx);

And See, The Indianapolis Star, October 20, 2009, reported at:

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/indystar/access/1883402091.html?FMT=ABS&date=Oct+20+2009>

6. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint, the Frontier Foundation failed to operate for its stated public purpose of helping needy students and does little more than pay for Congressman Buyer to play golf with donors with interests before his committee. Id.

7. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint, the business address of the Frontier Foundation is 200 North Main Street, Monticello, IN 47960, telephone (574) 583-9843, the same as the campaign headquarters of Buyer and the Storm Chasers PAC. Id.

8. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint and documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the Frontier Foundation paid part of the rent on the campaign office and used the same address and telephone number as the Storm Chasers PAC. Id.

9. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint and documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, Stephanie Mattix was the PAC director and employee for Buyer's Storm Chaser PAC as well as the Secretary and employee of the Frontier Foundation. Mattix was employed by Buyer's Campaign Committee to Re-elect Buyer. Mattix claimed on the IRS forms to have worked 20hrs/week (1000 hrs per year) for the Frontier Foundation up until July 31, 2009. During this time, Mattix worked part time for the Campaign Committee. When compensation for Mattix's employment for the Frontier Foundation was discontinued on July 31, 2009, her compensation for employment by the Campaign Committee went from \$873 per month to \$1,574 per month. See, Expenditure Detail of the Campaign Committee reported at:

<http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/expenddetail.php?cid=N00003924&cycle=2010&name=Stephanie%20Mattix>

10. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint and documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the Storm Chasers PAC, the Frontier Foundation, and the Campaign Committee of Buyer commingled their affairs and activity with each other, and, with the political campaigns of Buyer as Congressman of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District .

11. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint and documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the stated purposes of the Storm Chasers PAC and the Frontier Foundation were a fraud and sham, and the true purpose of these organizations was to promote the political campaigns of Buyer as Congressman of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District, and, to support his lifestyle.

12. By information and belief from documentary material referenced in this complaint and documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the employment by the Frontier Foundation of Stephanie Mattix, as referenced in paragraph nine of this Complaint, was "ghost employment" to the extent that any services rendered by Mattix to the Frontier Foundation, if any, were in the furtherance of the political campaigns and ambitions of Buyer as Congressman of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District .

I, Donald Mark Garringer, swear the foregoing under penalty of perjury.

**DONALD MARK GARRINGER**

Plainfield, Indiana 46168

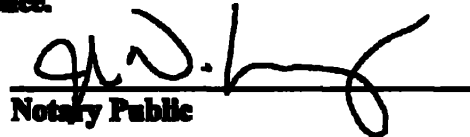
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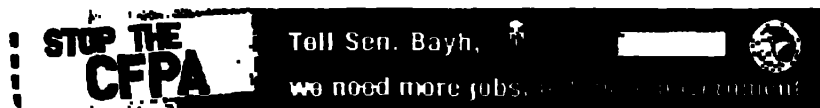
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## Watchdog files complaints against Buyer

By Matthew Grappe / Star-Washington Bureau  
Posted January 23, 2010

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**WASHINGTON** — A government watchdog group has asked the Internal Revenue Service and the Office of Congressional Ethics to review a private scholarship foundation created by Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Indiana, that has not distributed any scholarships.

**Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington** said it wants the IRS to investigate whether the foundation violated federal tax law by "failing to operate for its stated public purpose of helping needy students and by doing little more than paying for the congressman to play golf with donors with interests before his committee."

The group wants the Office of Congressional Ethics to review whether Buyer violated ethics rules "by obtaining a charity for private purposes and by trading legislative assistance for donations to the charity and a job for his son."

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**\$200,000.** The foundation has raised more than \$200,000 — primarily from companies and trade organizations with an interest in the House Energy and Commerce Committee, on which Buyer serves.

The foundation hasn't awarded any scholarships, which Buyer has said is because the foundation later decided it needed at least \$1 million to be self-sustaining. The foundation has paid for fundraising golf outings at luxury locales.

"It is not quite stealing from orphans, but it is hard to imagine something more callous than playing golf on the backs of poor students, at least one of whom surely could have gone to college on the money Frontier spent on Rep. Buyer's golf trips," said CREW executive director Michael Sloan.

The watchdog group said Buyer has lobbied the interests of groups such as tobacco and drug companies that contributed to his foundation. Buyer opposed a three-year ban on advertising new drugs and opposed giving the Food and Drug Administration the authority to regulate tobacco.

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